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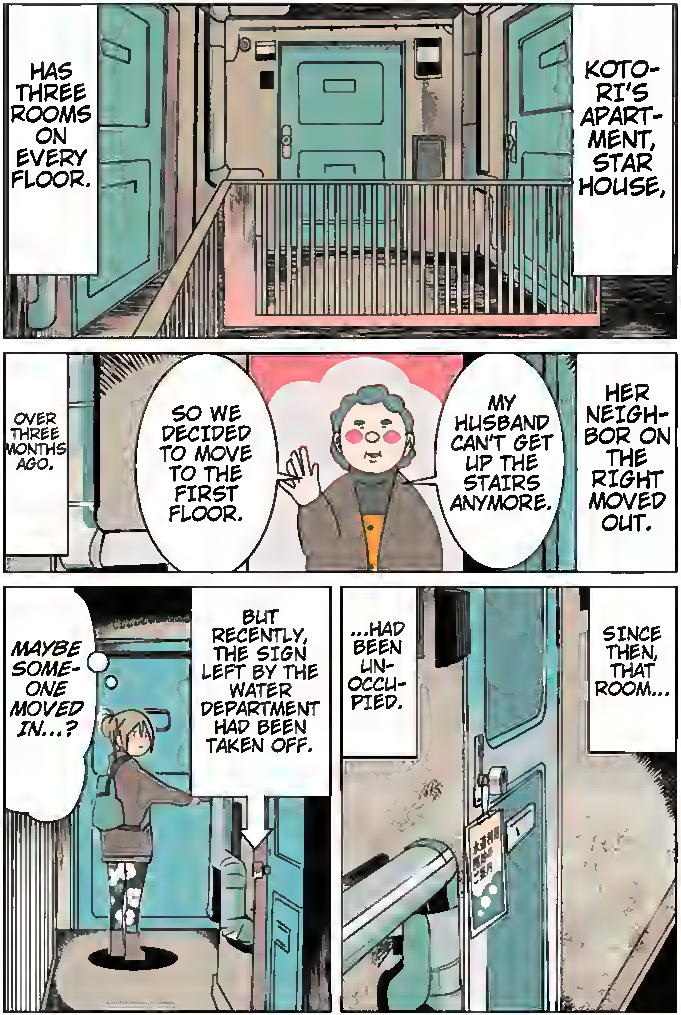
KOTO-RI'S APART-MENT, STAR HOUSE,
HAS THREE ROOMS ON EVERY FLOOR.
HER NEIGH-BOR ON THE RIGHT MOVED OUT.
MY HUSBAND CAN'T GET UP THE STAIRS ANYMORE.
SO WE DECIDED TO MOVE TO THE FIRST FLOOR.
OVER THREE MONTHS AGO.
SINCE THEN, THAT ROOM...
...HAD BEEN UN-OCCU-PIED.
BUT RECENTLY, THE SIGN LEFT BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN TAKEN OFF.
MAYBE SOME-ONE MOVED IN...?

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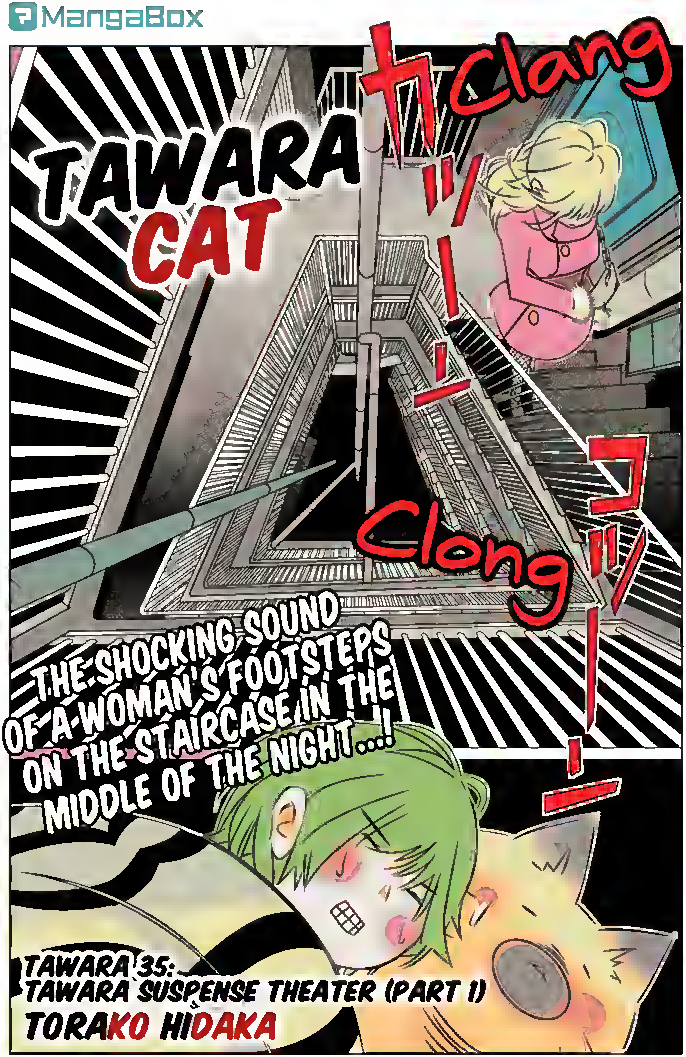
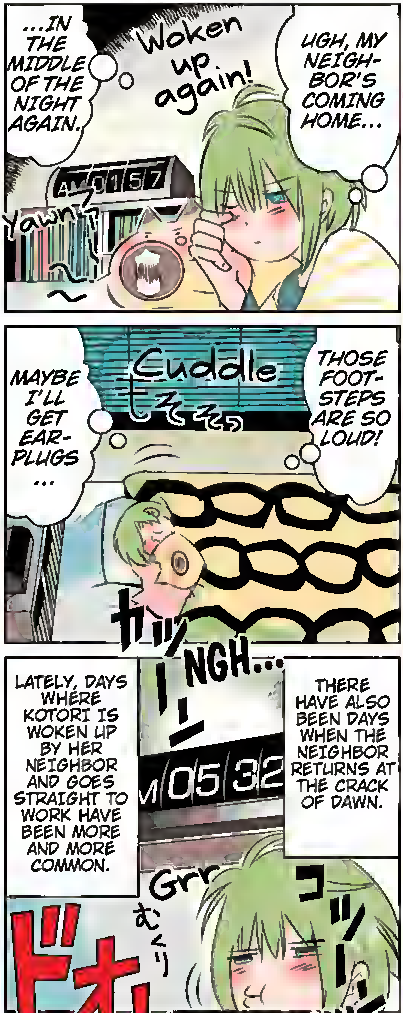
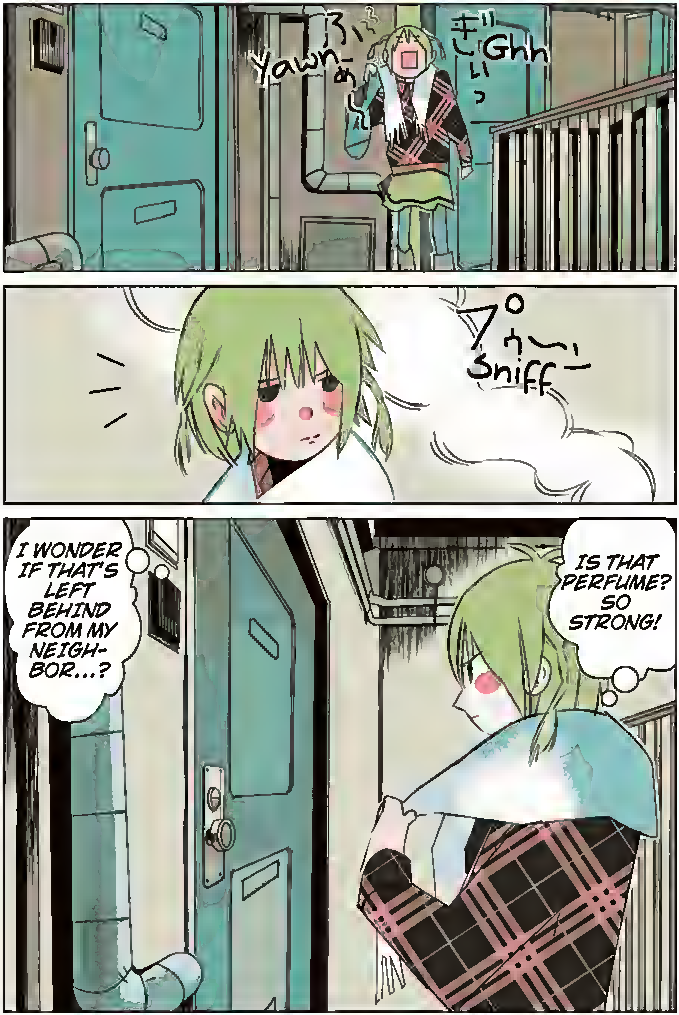
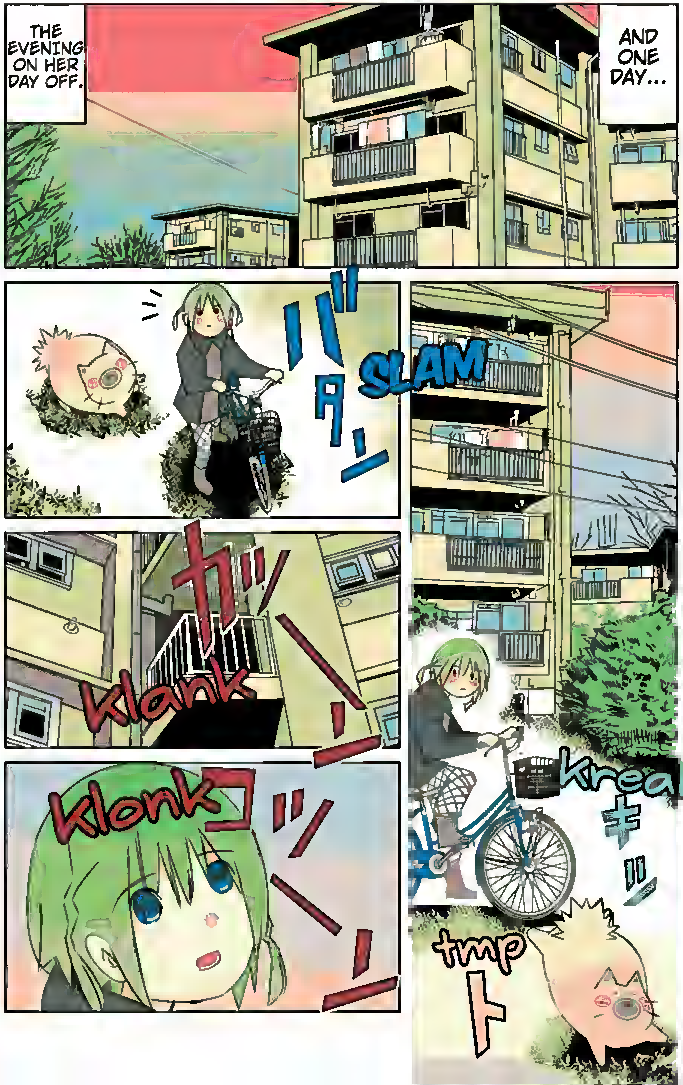

TAWARA CAT
Clang
Clang
THE SHOCKING SOUND OF A WOMAN'S FOOTSTEPS ON THE STAIRCASE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...!
TAWARA 35:
TAWARA SUSPENSE THEATER (PART 1)
TORAKO HIDAKA


...IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AGAIN.
Woken up again!
UGH, MY NEIGH-BOR'S COMING HOME...
AM 01:37
Yawn~
THE SHOCK OF THE HEAVY STEEL DOOR CLOS-ING...
ドン!
BAM!
...REVER-BERATES LOUDLY THROUGH THE OLD CON-CRETE STRUC-TURE OF STAR HOUSE.
MAYBE I'LL GET EAR-PLUGS ...
Cuddle
THOSE FOOT-STEPS ARE SO LOUD!
カツ
LATELY, DAYS WHERE KOTORI IS WOKEN UP BY HER NEIGHBOR AND GOES STRAIGHT TO WORK HAVE BEEN MORE AND MORE COMMON.
NGH...
AM 05:32
THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN DAYS WHEN THE NEIGHBOR RETURNS AT THE CRACK OF DAWN.
Grr
むくり
ドオン
コツ
UGHH...


Yawn
Ghh
Sniff
I WONDER IF THAT'S LEFT BEHIND FROM MY NEIGH-BOR...?
IS THAT PERFUME? SO STRONG!


THE EVENING ON HER DAY OFF.
AND ONE DAY...
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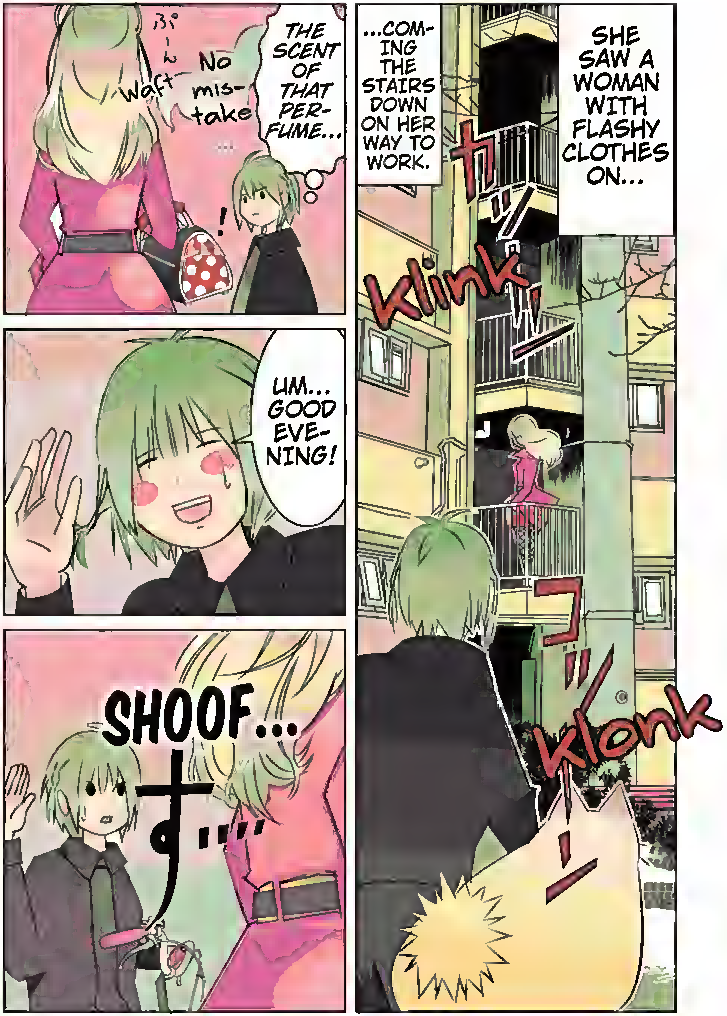
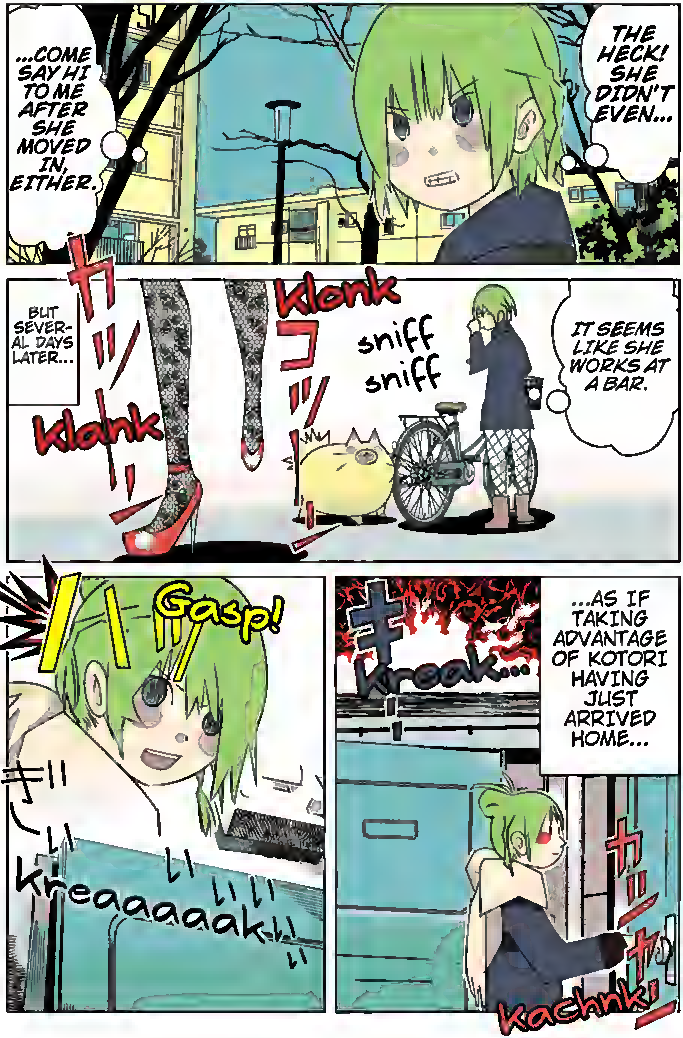
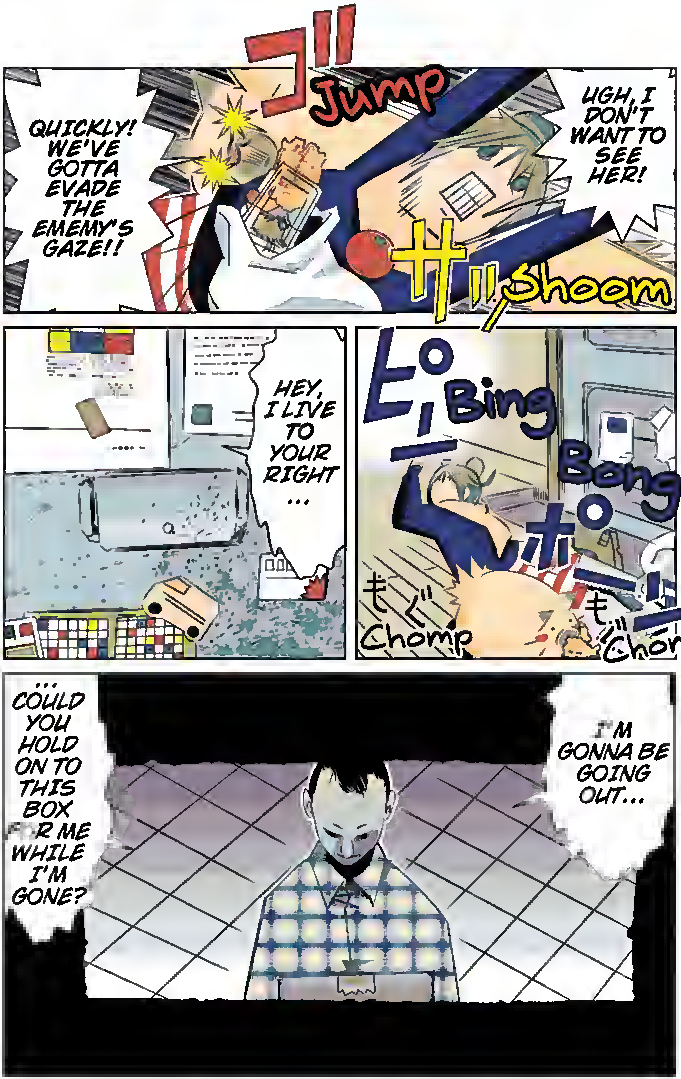
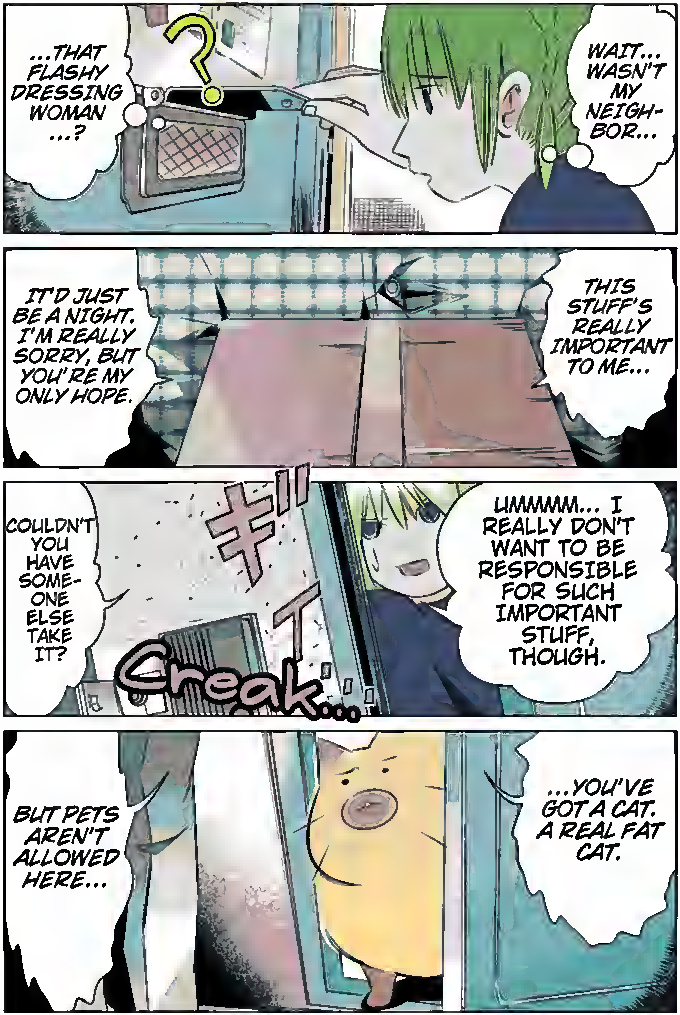
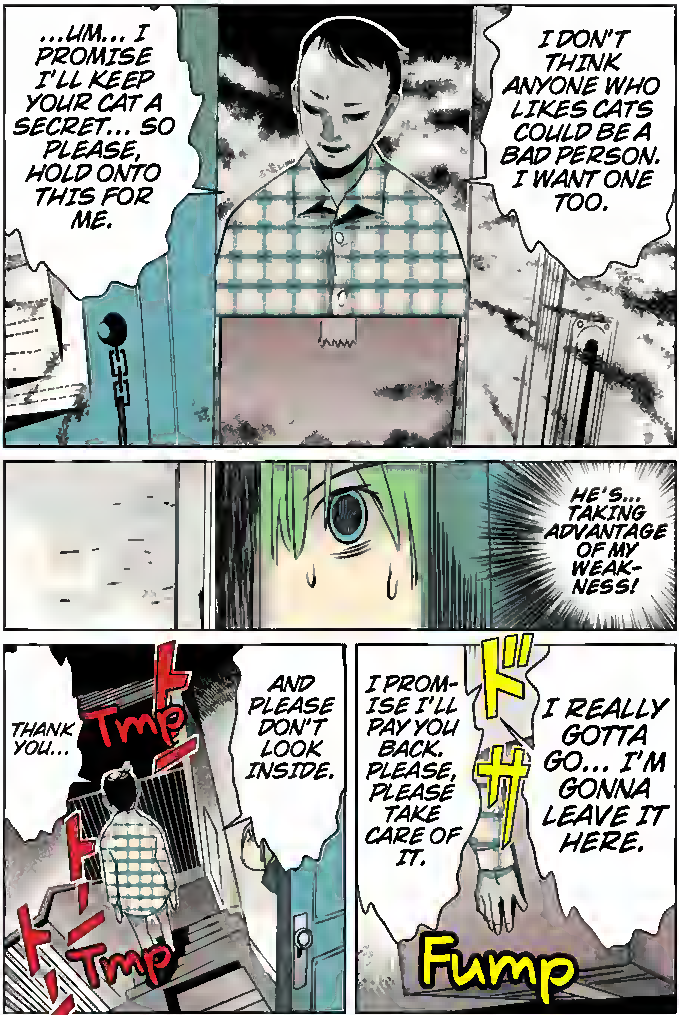
SLAM
ガチャ
klank
klonk
kreak
tmp


SHE SAW A WOMAN WITH FLASHY CLOTHES ON...
...COMING THE STAIRS DOWN ON HER WAY TO WORK.
Klink
Klonk
THE SCENT OF THAT PERFUME...
No mistake
Waft
UM... GOOD EVENING!
SHOOF...


...COME SAY HI TO ME AFTER SHE MOVED IN, EITHER.
THE HECK! SHE DIDN'T EVEN...
BUT SEVERAL DAYS LATER...
klank
klank
sniff sniff
IT SEEMS LIKE SHE WORKS AT A BAR.
Gasp!
kreaaaaaak...
kreak...
...AS IF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF KOTORI HAVING JUST ARRIVED HOME...
kachnk!


Jump
QUICKLY! WE'VE GOTTA EVADE THE EMEMY'S GAZE!!
UGH, I DON'T WANT TO SEE HER!
Shoom
HEY, I LIVE TO YOUR RIGHT ...
Bing
Bong
Chomp
Chomp
...COULD YOU HOLD ON TO THIS BOX FOR ME WHILE I'M GONE?
I'M GONNA BE GOING OUT...


...THAT FLASHY DRESSING WOMAN ...?
WAIT... WASN'T MY NEIGH-BOR...
IT'D JUST BE A NIGHT. I'M REALLY SORRY, BUT YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE.
THIS STUFF'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO ME...
COULDN'T YOU HAVE SOME-ONE ELSE TAKE IT?
キィ
Creak...
UMMMMM... I REALLY DON'T WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH IMPORTANT STUFF, THOUGH.
BUT PETS AREN'T ALLOWED HERE...
...YOU'VE GOT A CAT. A REAL FAT CAT.


...UM... I PROMISE I'LL KEEP YOUR CAT A SECRET... SO PLEASE, HOLD ONTO THIS FOR ME.
I DON'T THINK ANYONE WHO LIKES CATS COULD BE A BAD PERSON. I WANT ONE TOO.
HE'S... TAKING ADVANTAGE OF MY WEAK-NESS!
I REALLY GOTTA GO... I'M GONNA LEAVE IT HERE.
ドサ
I PROM-ISE I'LL PAY YOU BACK. PLEASE, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF IT.
Fump
AND PLEASE DON'T LOOK INSIDE.
THANK YOU...
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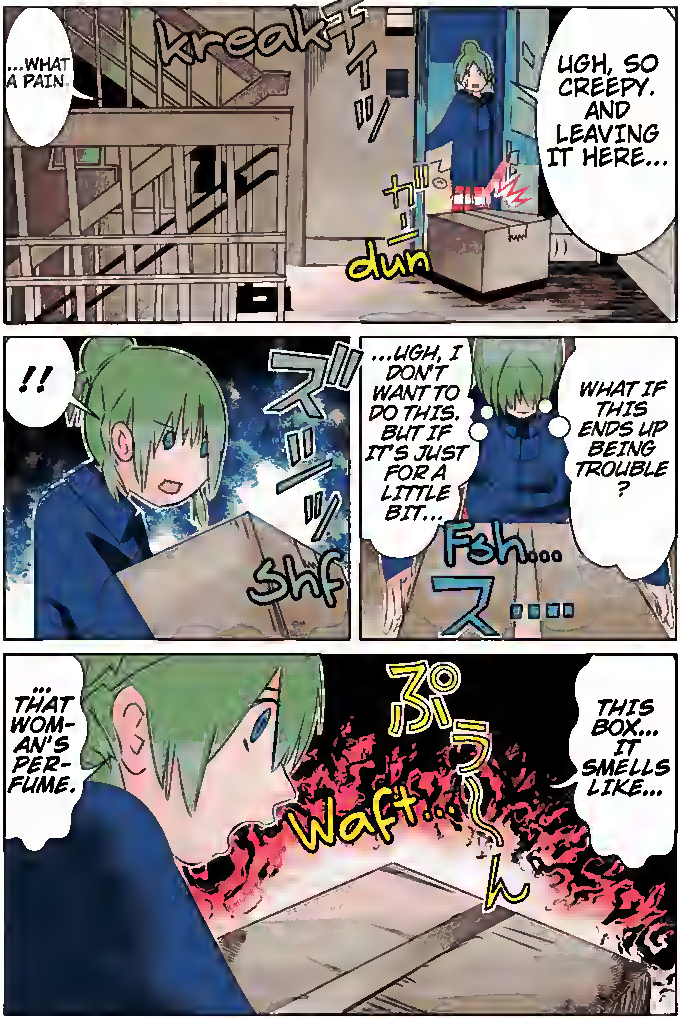
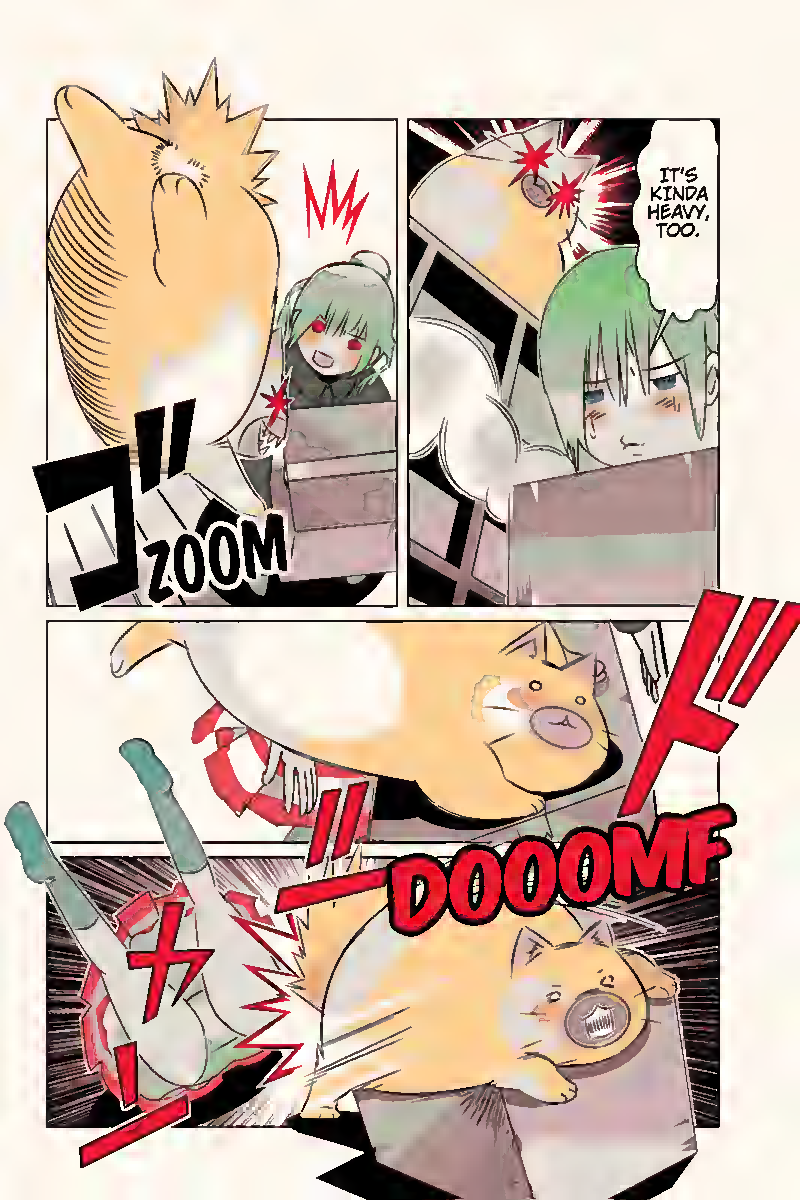
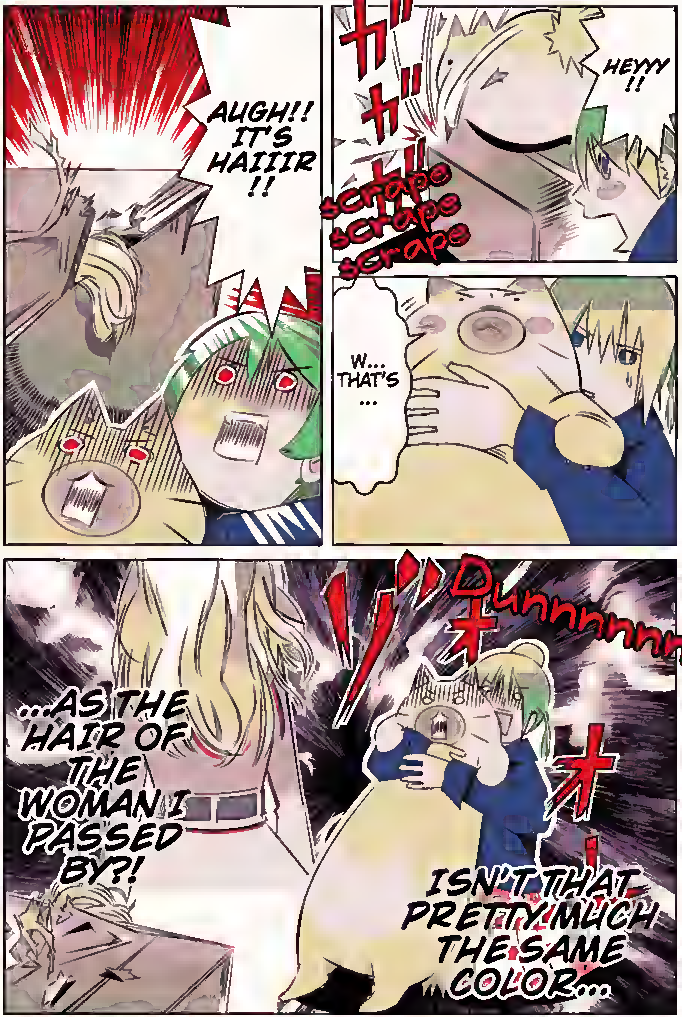
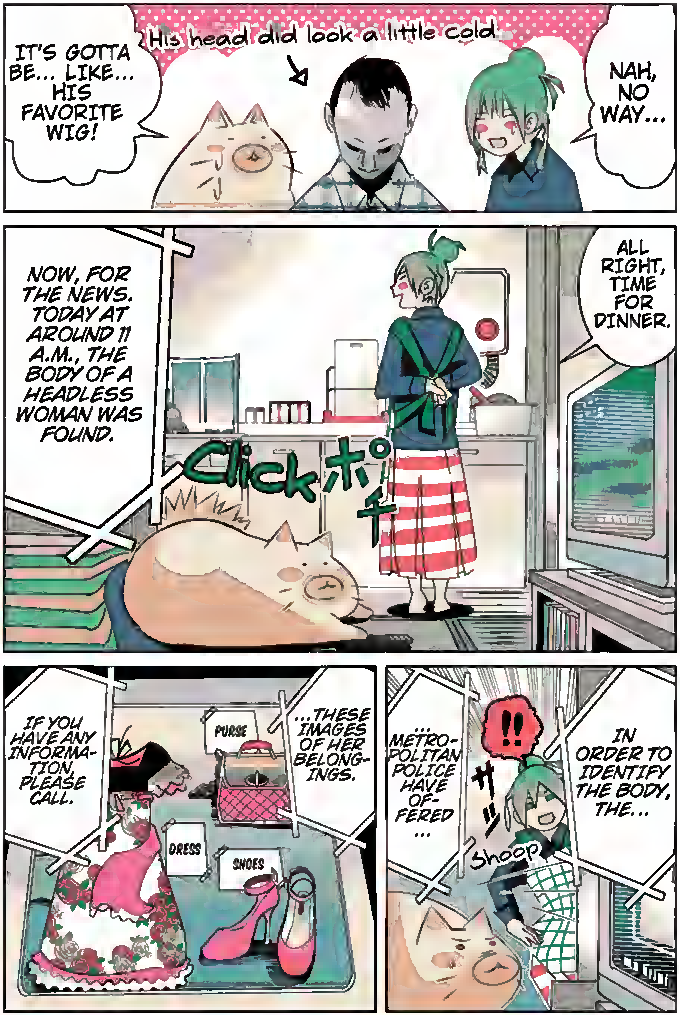
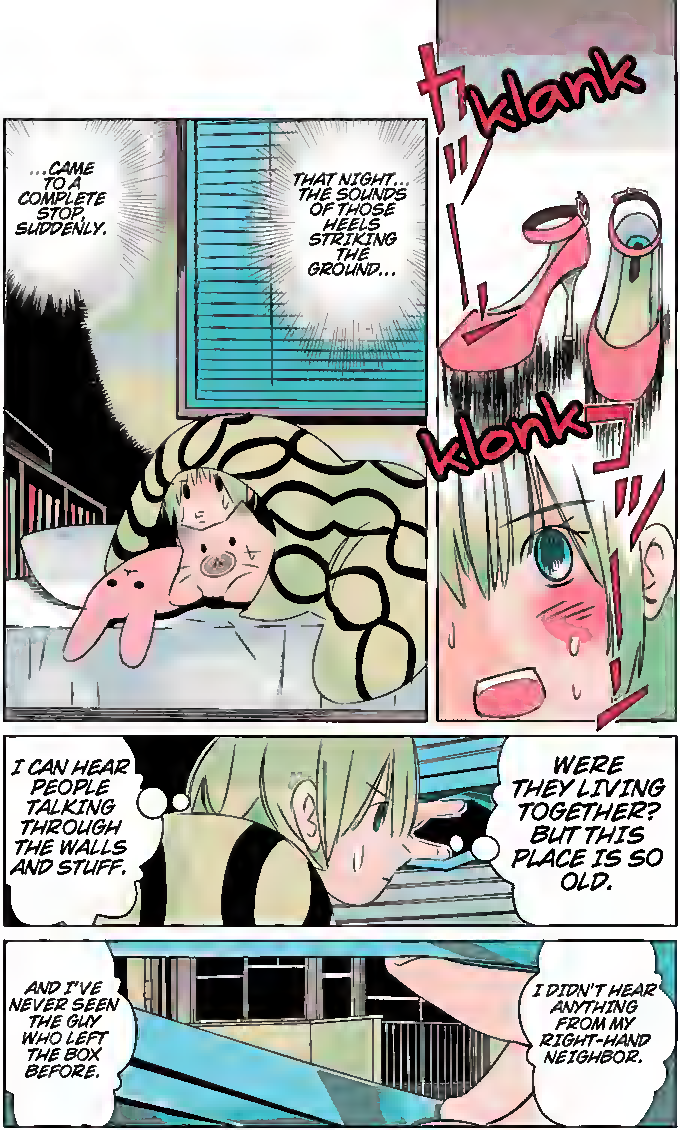
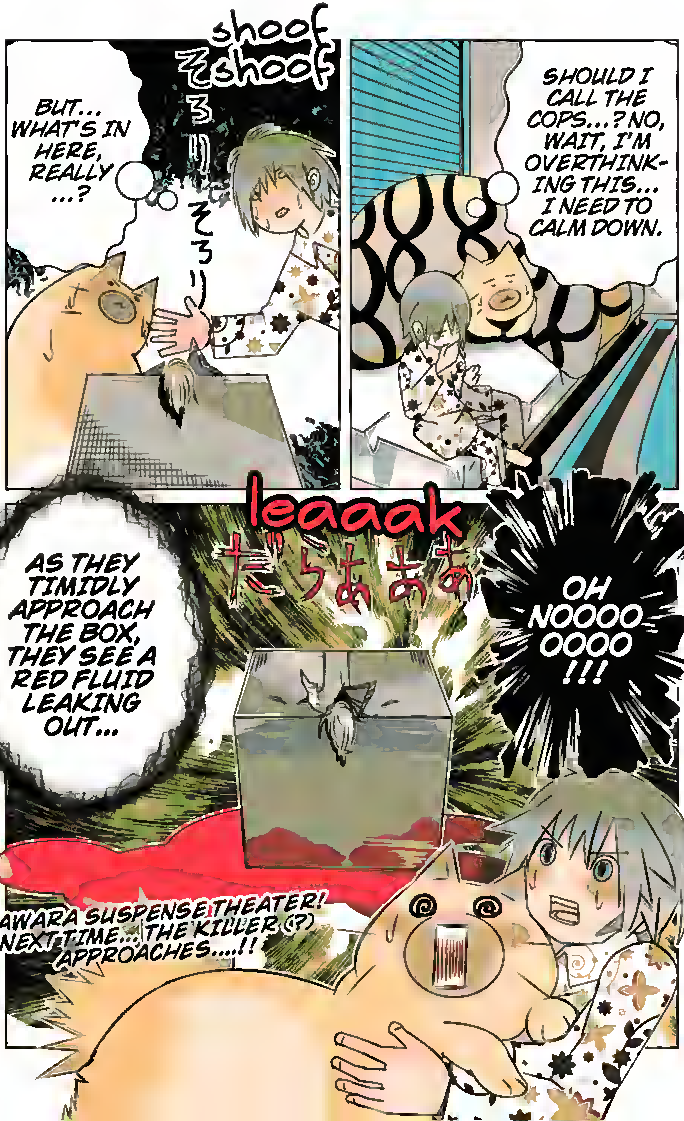

...WHAT A PAIN.
kreak
UGH, SO CREEPY. AND LEAVING IT HERE...
dun
!!
Shf
...UGH, I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS. BUT IF IT'S JUST FOR A LITTLE BIT...
Fsh...
WHAT IF THIS ENDS UP BEING TROUBLE?
...THAT WOMAN'S PERFUME.
Waft...
THIS BOX... IT SMELLS LIKE...


ZOOM
IT'S KINDA HEAVY, TOO.
DOOOMF


AUGH!! IT'S HAIIIR !!
カ" カ" scrape scrape scrape
HEYYY !!
W... THAT'S ...
Uhhhhhh
...AS THE HAIR OF THE WOMAN I PASSED BY?!
ISN'T THAT PRETTY MUCH THE SAME COLOR...


His head did look a little cold
IT'S GOTTA BE... LIKE... HIS FAVORITE WIG!
NAH, NO WAY...
NOW, FOR THE NEWS. TODAY AT AROUND 11 A.M., THE BODY OF A HEADLESS WOMAN WAS FOUND.
Click ポチ
ALL RIGHT, TIME FOR DINNER.
IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL.
PURSE
DRESS
SHOES
...THESE IMAGES OF HER BELONGINGS.
METROPOLITAN POLICE HAVE OFFERED ...
!!
Shoop
IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY THE BODY, THE...


...CAME TO A COMPLETE STOP SUDDENLY.
THAT NIGHT... THE SOUNDS OF THOSE HEELS STRIKING THE GROUND...
klank
klank
I CAN HEAR PEOPLE TALKING THROUGH THE WALLS AND STUFF.
WERE THEY LIVING TOGETHER? BUT THIS PLACE IS SO OLD.
AND I'VE NEVER SEEN THE GUY WHO LEFT THE BOX BEFORE.
I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING FROM MY RIGHT-HAND NEIGHBOR.


SHOULD I CALL THE COPS...? NO, WAIT, I'M OVERTHINKING THIS... I NEED TO CALM DOWN.
shoof shoof
そろり
そろり
BUT... WHAT'S IN HERE, REALLY ...?
leaaak
だらぁぁの
OH NOOOOOOOO!!!
AS THEY TIMIDLY APPROACH THE BOX, THEY SEE A RED FLUID LEAKING OUT...
TAWARA SUSPENSE THEATER! NEXT TIME... THE KILLER (?) APPROACHES....!!